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Environment Department to Join in Public Discussion of Uranium Levels at the Homestake Mill and Tailings Site in Grants

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Homestake Mining Co. officials will hold a meeting on Thursday to discuss the regulatory review and process for revising background groundwater standards at the Homestake site in Grants. Uranium occurs naturally in the Grants area and background levels will be used to help with the clean up process at the Homestake site.

The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 20, at the Cibola County Center's Convention Room, 515 West High Street, Grants, NM. Public comments and questions will be addressed following a series of brief presentations.

NRC officials will begin the meeting, introduce participants and discuss the regulatory and review process involved in revising uranium background values. Homestake Mining Co. officials will discuss the site's current status and condition and present information on the background proposal methodology.

NMED officials will review the proposal and, with EPA staff, discuss the status of domestic water well sampling.

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